



# TO THE DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE MKHC COMMUNITY:

Shalom!

*"You are all standing here today, men, women, and children, from your esteemed leaders to the most simple laborer."* These words, the opening of this past Shabbat's parsha, Parshat Nitzavim, are always read on the Shabbat prior to Rosh Hashana. We declare that in a few days we will all stand before G-d in judgement. As the poet writes in U'nesaneh Tokef, *"All mankind passes before the Almi-ghty,"* as He decides their fate for the coming days, months, and year.

And yes, this year, we are also standing together with our Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation Community as we bring in the year 5781. This past year has been difficult for all of us, some have been affected by the virus itself and others by the effects and precautions necessary to prevent further illness. Some have had their livelihoods hurt and others have suffered with loneliness. Many have been distanced from their friends and families. We all carry the hope in our hearts that our prayers on Rosh Hashana will be answered for the good, and next year will be one of tranquility and health. We will have prayers as a community and we will have private prayers. We will have prayers for our families, prayers for our friends, and prayers for ourselves. And we will have the support and comfort of one another as we offer Hash-m our fervent prayers and thoughts.

We are doing this as a kehilla, a community in a tent at 60 Green Street in Mount Kisco. What a privilege! We stand together on Rosh Hashana "men, women, and children (at least in the grassy area!) ". More than two months ago, when I was asked how we intended to host Rosh Hashana services this year, I quickly responded "simple-we will have a large tent!" Little did I anticipate all the work that would be entailed. Much effort has been expended to allow us to be able to daven together and strengthen each other with communal prayer this Rosh Hashana. A tremendous *"yasher koach"* to all those who planned, prepared and toiled over the past few months to turn a dream of outdoor High Holiday services under a tent into a reality.

This year the logistics of this endeavor require us to shorten the Mussaf service. Attached, please find a detailed list of the prayers that we will be saying and where they can be located in your Artscroll machzor. As you know, we are excited to host a new Chazzan this year, Julian Horowitz, Founding Member and Musical Director of the Maccabeats. We wish a warm welcome to Chaim (Julian), his wife Elisheva and the entire family and are excited to spend the Yom Tov with them.

A lot of thought and care, along with myriad emails and meetings, have gone into arranging these sacred days to allow us *"to stand before G-d."* This Rosh Hashana we can certainly appreciate the Torah's words *"You all are standing here today,"* not merely as a statement, but also as a true blessing. And, we approach this day of judgement with the merit of all that went into bringing us to *"stand here today."* We turn to the Al-mighty and say *"We, Your children, are here once again".*

With best wishes for a year of only good with overflowing sweetness and blessing,  
Rabbi Dov Greer

# Rosh Hashanah Davening Schedule

## First Day of Rosh Hashanah Shabbat, September 19

- **Chazzan 11:00 AM**
- **Yekum Purkan** (Page 428/429)
- **Welcome by Dr. Victor Khabie**
- **Mishebeirach** for sick persons
- Prayer for USA (Prayer for Israel on Second Day)
- Sermon by **Rabbi Dov Greer**
- **Ashrei** (Page 440/441)
- **Hineni** (shortened version) (Page 444/445)
- **Half Kaddish** (446/447)
- All: **Private Amidah** (Page 448-468/449-469) (We have allotted 8 -10 minutes for this)
- Chazzan- **Repetition of the Amidah**
- **Begin-** (Page 470/471) (Only until where it says "the ark is closed")
- "Zachreinu" through "umatzmiach yeshua" on page 472/ From the bold words "Remember us" until "and makes salvation sprout" on page 473
- The two lines of "Mi chamocha" and "Vne'eman" on page 474/The two sentences beginning with the bold "Who is like You" until "resuscitates the dead" on page 475
- Two lines in bold on page 476/Two lines in bold on page 477
- Unesaneh Tokef middle of page 480 until the paragraph beginning "uvechein" on page 488/From the last paragraph beginning "Let us now" on page 481 until the fourth paragraph on page 489 beginning "And now may"
- The three paragraphs beginning "U'vechein" on page 494/The three paragraphs beginning "And so, too" on page 495
- From "Vsimloch" on page 496 until "The ark is closed" on page 502/From "Then You Hash-m" on page 497 until "The ark is closed" on page 503
- Just the paragraph of "ochila" on page 504/Only the paragraph beginning with "I shall put my hope" on page 505
- The Chazzan will now read quickly the **Amidah** from page 506 until 532 when he will conclude the Amidah (Included in this is Birchat Kohanim)/Pages 507-533 (Towards the end the Kohanim will bless us-pages 525-531)
- **Final Kaddish** (page 584/585)
- **Aleinu** (Page 590-592/591-593)

# Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

## Sunday, September 20

- **Welcome by Dr. Victor Khabie 11:00 AM**
- **Prayer for Israel/ IDF**
- **Sermon**
- **Shortened prelude to shofar**-Only bold verses on page 434/435
- Brachot and **shofar** page 436-438/From the blessings on page 437 through page 439
- Chazzan: **Ashrei** Page 440/441
- **Hineni** (shortened version) Page 444/445
- **Half Kaddish** 446/447
- All: **Private Amidah** Page 448-468/449-469 (We have budgeted allotted 8-10 minutes for this)
- Chazzan -**Repetition of the Amidah**
- Begin **Amidah** and unesaneh tokef pages 536-544 until "uvechin" (We will leave out the First poem on page 538)/537 until paragraph beginning "And now may" on page 545 (We will leave out the poem on page 539)
- Page 550 UNTIL paragraph beginning "veyeesayu"/page 551 UNTIL poem.
- Pages 552 until end of first paragraph on page 556/pages 553 until the end of the first paragraph on page 557
- Starting from paragraph "ochila" on page 558 until end of the the Amidah on bottom of page 580 (Included in this is more shofar and birchat kohanim)/From paragraph beginning "I shall put my hope" until end of the Amidah on the bottom of page 581(Included in this is more shofar and Blessing of the Kohanim)
- **Final Kaddish and more shofar!** on page 584/585
- **Aleinu** Page 590/591

## - Rosh Hashanah Zmanim -

- **Candle lighting, Friday evening, September 18, 6:39 PM**
- **Candle lighting, Saturday evening, September 19, 7:46 PM**
  - *Please note:* No work that is permitted on Yom Tov, i.e. cooking, baking, or lighting fires may be done prior to this time.
  - In kiddush tonight we also add in a special havdala and use a candle. Artscroll Machzor pages 94-96/ 95-97
- **Yom Tov concludes, Sunday evening, September 20, 7:44 PM**
  - Havdala tonight just consists of "hagafen" and "Hamavdil" No candle or spices are used. Artscroll Machzor page 666/667
- **Tzom Gedalia, Fast of Gedalia, Monday, September 21, Fast begins 5:29 AM, Fast concludes 7:32 PM**
  - This fast marks the assassination of Gedalia, the leader of Judea who was allowed to continue a settlement in Israel after the destruction of the First Temple. His death led to the complete exile of all remaining Jews from Israel. The fast is marked only by refraining from eating and drinking on Monday and no other forms of mourning are mandated.

*Eiruv is up!*